REMARKS

Claims 8 and 13–16 are pending in the application, with claim 8 being the sole independent claim. Claim 8 has been amended herein to include the features of dependent claims 9–12 and those dependent claims have been canceled. No new matter has been added.

The drawings and specification were objected to. Formal drawings are enclosed under separate cover and the specification has been amended as indicated in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the objections have been overcome.

Claims 8–11 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,921,165 (Takahashi et al.) and U.S. Patent No. 3,506,031 (Stacey). Claims 8–16 were rejected as being obvious in view of claims 1–21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,581,639 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. The rejections respectfully are traversed.

Claims 12–16 have been rejected only under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, and claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 9, 10 and 12. By submitting a Terminal Disclaimer herewith, Applicants submit that the double-patenting rejection of claims 12–16 is overcome. The double-patenting rejection of claims 12–16 being dispositive, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

No additional fees are believed due. However, if it should be determined that an additional fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such additional fees to Deposit Account No. 14-0780.

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